



# THE ROTARY CLUB OF NORTH VANCOUVER WHEEL SQUEALS



**March 22, 2010**

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**Desk:** Pinch hitting for Joy Jones, Jeff Pearce registered our attendance and collected our contributions.

**O Canada and Invocation:** Neil Creighton led a small but enthusiastic group in singing the National Anthem and Bob McKilligan provided the Invocation.

**Guests:** included Rick Mitchell, a former member of the Regina Rotary Club (who recently moved to North Vancouver and has visited our club on a number of occasions) and Maghsoud, a neighbour of Ali Hashemi.

**Announcements:** President Norman advised that our Monday Meeting of April 26<sup>th</sup> has been moved to Tuesday April 27<sup>th</sup> to accommodate the GSE team from the Philippines. All four North Shore Rotary Clubs will attend this meeting.

**Sergeant-At-Arms:** Peter Taylor was gentle with fines, but successfully generated a good response for "Happy & Sads". Starting with a full deck of cards, the Ace of Spades remains in the deck for at least another draw.



## **Celebrations:**

- Peter T also did a great job in leading a belated St Patrick's Day celebration. There was green beer provided as an "Opener" to our meeting and Irish Whisky for a toast to St Patrick and the Irish.
- Peter also tested our knowledge of Ireland with a quiz. Contrary to high expectations, the real Irishman did not win the quiz - the winner being President Norman (a Scotsman!). However when it came to writing limericks, Fred & Alec won the Gold Medal with the following rendition:

There was a young man named John Furlong  
Whose fame at the Olympics belong  
An Immigrant from Ireland  
He adopted his new land  
And forever we'll be singing his song.

**Speaker:** Our speaker for the evening was Ramin Izadi who has been a member of our club since January 2009. Ramin provided us with an overview of his career and some highlights of his life before moving to Canada. He also shared with us his smart decision making process in selecting Vancouver and the North Shore area for a new home for himself and his family.

**Thank Speaker:** John Stuart thanked Peter and Ramin for their contributions and presented them with our Club's customary Certificate of Appreciation.

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**Future Meetings / Key Dates**

March 29	Life of a Canadian Soldier in Afghanistan - Mike Bowman
April 5	No Meeting - Easter Monday

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March 29	Deneka Michaud	Fred Sverre

